



OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE PLAN

"FILTER STRIP"

Landowner/Operator: _____ **Date:** _____

Address: _____

Legal description of practice location: SEC _____ T _____ R _____

OVERVIEW

A properly operated and maintained filter strip is an asset to your farm. This filter strip was designed and installed to prevent contaminated runoff water from entering watercourses. The performance life of this system can be assured and usually increased by developing and carrying out a good operation and maintenance program.

This practice will require you to perform periodic operation and maintenance to maintain satisfactory performance. The following recommendations will help you in performing adequate operation and maintenance.

GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

- Maintain vigorous growth of desirable vegetative coverings. This includes reseeding, fertilization, and controlled application of herbicides when necessary. Periodic mowing may also be needed to control height.
- Repair any erosion damage and divert all runoff until vegetation is established.
- Limit livestock usage to vegetative growth periods.
- If fences are installed, they shall be maintained to provide warning and/or prevent unauthorized human or livestock entry.
- Limit traffic and do not use as a roadway.
- Eradicate or otherwise remove all rodents or burrowing animals. Immediately repair any damage caused by their activity.
- Apply insecticides for insect control as per the manufactures recommendations and precautions, as needed.
- Immediately repair any vandalism, vehicular, or livestock damage.

SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS FOR YOUR STRUCTURE

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CONTACT YOUR LOCAL NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE OFFICE FOR ANY ADDITIONAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE YOU MIGHT NEED FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE PLAN FOR YOUR STRUCTURE.